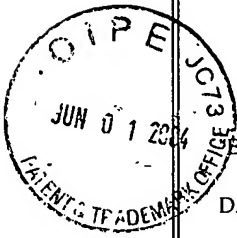


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, the time for response being extended to June 1, 2004 by the accompanying Two-Month Extension of Time (May 31st being Memorial Day and therefore a National Holiday),

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks below.